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Dear Sir,

### British Foreign Office Releases

### AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT

The Foreign Office has recently released some 45 secret reports 1936 - 40. The full reference numbers of the documents now open at the United Kingdom Public Record Office (Chancery Lane, London W.C.2), are —

F.O. index vols. 1936 - 40.

F.O.	371	1936	C3622/294/62	vol. 19881
"	"	"	C294/294/62	" "
"	"	"	R4315/R4110/412/3	" 20365
"	"	"	W1376/542/50	" 20462
"	"	"	W2073/79/98	" 20473
"	"	"	W4839/542/50	" 20462
"	"	"	W5393/542/50	" 20462
F.O.	371	1937	A587/4608/A371 A609/A1220/	
"	"	"	A1593/38/45	" 20651
"	"	"	A2435/A2745/A2819/A2746/38/45	" 20652
"	"	"	A1386/38/45	" 20651
F.O.	371	1938	C1413/1413/17	" 21614
F.O.	395	"	P2237/359/150	" 598
F.O.	395	"	P3124/39/150	" 573
F.O.	371	1939	R5329/1763/7	" 23733
"	"	"	R9485/R9618/R10259/9298/7	" 23735
"	"	"	A1089/A7629/A1638/	
"	"	"	A8789/A7841/1089/45	" 22827
F.O.	395	"	P753/P937/151/150	" 656
F.O.	395	"	P1496/P2139/P1832/1496/150	" 665
F.O.	371	"	N7115/518/38	" 23689
"	"	"		" 23690
"	"	"	C4069/3356/18/C3984/3356/18	" 23071
"	"	"	C9809/237/55	" 23138
"	"	"	C10763/15/18	" 22975
"	"	"	R588/R835/354/7	" 23726
"	"	"	R2193/7/22	" 23794
"	"	"	R1566/36/7	" 23718
"	"	"	C1983/281/7	" 22922
F.O.	371	1940	C4100/267/62	" 24363
"	"	"	R1588/1588/7	" 24882
"	"	"	R4250/4250/92	" 25037
"	"	"	R34/R129/34/67	" 24893
"	"	"	R7268/320/7	" 24878
"	"	"	W9086/9086/50	" 25236
"	"	"	N1727/1726/97	" 24773
"	"	"	A1039/373/45	" 24246
"	"	"	A373/373/45	" 24246
"	"	"	W1070/23/49	" 25105
"	"	"	C5257/285/18	" 24418
"	"	"	C8667/267/62	" 24364
"	"	"	C5760/9/17	" 24299
"	"	"	C1420/65/17	" 24308
"	"	"	R34/34/67	" 24893
"	"	"	R938/84/7	" 24876
"	"	"	R1902/4/7	" 24869

These documents now officially disclosed explain the whole facts which led to Munich in 1938 and the collapse of France in 1940. Both events have been the subject of persistent falsifications which must be corrected. They also forecast World War II.

It is necessary to explain that in 1935 a special Intelligence Office was set up at 13 Old Queen Street, London S.W.1., under the name of a study group of M.P.s (60 of them). In fact the real object was to obtain secret information for the benefit of the U.S. and U.K. Governments which those responsible for the special office were convinced was reaching neither London nor Washington. Such a "study" group provided exceptionally good cover for an experiment in Intelligence work never before attempted. At a later stage the Parliamentary association was dropped.

The plan was discussed unofficially with John Buchan then the most confidential adviser of Prime Minister Baldwin and a man of considerable secret service experience. He later became Governor General of Canada (Lord Tweedsmuir). Mr. Baldwin subsequently himself saw this present writer. At a later stage the matter was discussed and a harmonious unofficial plan made with Colonel Stewart Menzies, then deputy chief of the Secret Intelligence Service (later Major General Sir Stewart Menzies chief of that service). In fact the special office was often able to penetrate where Sir Stewart could not.

The plan was approved and encouraged by a number of leading soldiers such as the late Field Marshal Lord Wavell, Major General Sir John Kennedy, and many others. It was strongly supported by Defence Minister Sir Thomas Inskip and eventually by Prime Minister Chamberlain who directed all reports to be sent to him personally before anyone else saw them. At that time the chief personal assistant in the special office (Honourable William Douglas-Home) was brother to Mr. Chamberlain's Parliamentary Private Secretary — Lord Dunglass (now Sir Alec Douglas-Home).

The Special Office was very strongly supported by U.S. Ambassadors Robert Bingham, James Gerard, and Joseph Kennedy and much approved by J. Edgar Hoover. It was also strongly supported by such war time allied Prime Ministers as Dr. Gerbrandy of the Netherlands, while the war time envoys in London of Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Bulgaria, Sweden, Denmark, Turkey, Brazil, Portugal, Peru, Cuba, Spain and many other countries considered that the special office was obtaining information of the utmost importance. The Special Office issued the well known Intelligence Digest.

Between 1941 and 1945 the reports of the Special Office (not yet released) repeatedly proved correct and often contradicted the opinions of Churchill, who was sometimes wrong. Churchill tried to close the Special Office, but powerful influences prevented him, e.g. the 7th Marquess of Londonderry, Ambassador Joseph Kennedy, and very influential soldiers and M.P.s who were convinced that facts should be gathered and reported whether Churchill liked them or not. Eventually Churchill was forced by events to adopt most of the Special Office's findings.

The Special Office alone reported on Soviet post war plans and was alone in its detailed reports of the coming cold war. It was alone in its advocacy of the entire strategic defence plans which have since kept the peace. None of such later reports have yet been released. The Special Office repeatedly advised that Eden would prove a weak flop as Prime Minister. He did.

This Special Office was extended and kept active until 1963. Between 1963 and 1969 it became no more than a library of secret papers. In 1969 it was re-activated for the same purposes as between 1935 and 1963.

In the opinion of the Special Office world affairs are now once again moving towards a period of crisis, *though one much more perplexing and complicated than in 1935*. There is a vast military danger, law and order are everywhere at risk, our economies are being inflated to danger point and indeed beyond.

In the opinion of the Special Office it is quite useless to put in reports to Government, because Government is now apparently helpless to stop the trend towards chaos and will so remain until public opinion realises the facts.

The Special Office is convinced that the only useful thing now to do is to provide responsible business and professional men and women with intelligence briefs of the kind that in the past went only to Government. By such means perhaps wiser policies will become more popular and therefore possible.

"A Special Office Brief" is therefore issued to publish the hitherto secret reports of the Special Office and new reports about present affairs.

If this appeals to you please inform us accordingly in which event we will provide you with such reports. It is the most interesting reading available in the world and is *twice monthly*.

Perhaps it is suitable to say that the remarkable organisation of the Special Office was wholly paid for out of private funds of the late Sir Walter Benton-Jones Bt., Sir Evan Williams Bt., and others and is now under control of a Trust. It has been a remarkable operation of great historic importance as seen by the recent Foreign Office releases.

The main problems which now compel investigation and the awakening of responsible opinion are as follows : —

#### The U.S.

Here Russia and other nations are concentrating on 4 operations :

(a) subversion of law and order (b) a persistent attack upon the dollar (c) the widespread distribution of drugs (d) popular protests against Presidential policies which facts compel any President to adopt and attacks upon the President.

#### France

Here there is a concentration of effort to overturn the present constitution which if left to flourish will make France the most prosperous nation in Europe by 1985 and the third wealthiest in the world. But extremely powerful forces are determined to bring down the regime so as to prevent that.

#### W. Germany

Here powerful agencies organised from Russia are trying to swing Germany away from N.A.T.O. into an Eastward alliance.

#### Italy

Here the danger is plain and total revolution. The subversion is far advanced and the dangers very great.

#### The U.K.

Here the propaganda is to increase national scepticism ; to inflate the economy beyond control and to so destroy the balance of payments position that Parliamentary Government breaks down. That is a very real and increasing danger. Public confidence is at crisis point.

#### The U.S.S.R.

Here the internal trend is increasingly hostile to the regime — but the Western Powers are not making good use of it. The Kremlin is doing all it can, short of nuclear war, to save itself by subverting others. The complexity of this situation is very great.

#### China

Here secret talks are taking place with Russia which far exceed the importance of talks with the West. Scarcely a word of such matters is ever reported.

#### The Middle East

Here the real danger is the manufacture of nuclear devices by a minor nation which will compel Israel to the same course. The danger extends to the probable move of Iran to Russia's side in the Middle East conflict and the increasing power of Libya Egypt is on the decline. The next major war will centre on the Middle East and the whole and only question is whether we can prevent it from being nuclear. Prevention of a war of some sort is quite impossible now.

#### Economies

Unless the flood of printed money and paper credit is brought under control (politically most difficult) a complete breakdown of the world economy will be most difficult to avert. If we cannot procure Parliamentary powers to control inflation will the W. Nations be compelled to resort to other forms of power? That is one of the gravest issues ahead of us.

The above are just some of the issues and are the subject of many obscure and often highly secret trends, actions and schemes. We are sure that merely to report such matters to Government is now useless. It is to every responsible person that these reports should be given since Governments have become nearly helpless and will so remain until opinion changes. Yet Government cannot or dare not themselves disclose the truth—someone must. Governments can act only after opinion is ready.

For some extraordinary reason journalists do not seem capable of effective intelligence work.

Take the Southern African situation as an example, 99% of the press publishes only anti South African and Rhodesian propaganda. Yet the strategists in London, Paris and Washington perfectly well know that the West cannot be successfully defended unless for the foreseeable future the existing European regimes in both countries are kept in power. The alternative would be a strategic disaster. Such facts are never, repeat never, published and no Western Government dares to speak out. Someone must and that was the whole idea of the Special Office.

The Special Office repeatedly told the British Government that in some way its secrets were all leaking away to Russia and that nothing reported in London was safe. To start with we were not believed ; then came Fuchs, Pontecorvo, Burgess, McLean, Blake and Philby — the latter retailing every single Intelligence secret to Moscow except those of the Special Office which he did not know. We never once had a traitor in that office : Menzies had *all* his secrets betrayed.

Like so many big successes the whole idea started casually during the 1934 Whitsun weekend at the country house of the late Lord Charlemont where Professor Livingstone and others were relaxing for a few days. The talk drifted to the then complex problem of India and all the rest followed.

Two of us met again in London. Buchan was eventually consulted and we set up the operation which worked perfectly. It was certainly exciting and as the recent Foreign Office releases show, of enormous value and importance.

Amongst other events with which the Special Office concerned itself was of course the abdication of Edward VIII. Here the whole facts have not yet been revealed. The time will come for that presently. We also dealt with General Weygand's secret Memorandum to the French Cabinet of late 1939. But for the Special Office the British Government would never have known of it, because Lord Wavell told us later that Weygand never warned him of it at any time. We got it in full at a Paris dinner party from a French General in whom Weygand confided. It was the clearest warning that the British Army might be deserted and cut off if Germany attacked in the West. The British Army was saved — but only just.

It may be added that the Special Office had the first information of the intended Russian-German Pact of 1939 and of Russia's nuclear plans after World War II.

Yours faithfully,

THE VERNEUIL TRUST.

## THE WATERGATE SCANDAL

### The facts as opposed to the Story propagated

Special Office Brief published the real story of the Watergate matter on 11th May, 1973. The facts have nowhere else been published or disclosed. The Washington Post has *not* disclosed what really happened. The same issue gave particulars of the K.G.B. Andropov's promotion to the Politburo and his associations outside Russia. We consider both matters to be of first world importance.

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